

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 2, 2009, the Advisory Office Action dated July 21, 2009, and the Interviews of July 16, 2009 and July 10, 2009. Claims 1-16 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1, 5, 9, and 12 are in independent form. Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, and 14-16 have been amended to define more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interviews held on July 16, 2009 and July 20, 2009 to discuss the outstanding rejections from the April 2, 2009 Office Action. During the interview, the Examiner suggested several claim amendments which he believed would place the application in condition for allowance. In the present claim amendments filed herewith, Applicants have attempted to incorporate the Examiner's suggestions into the claims in an earnest effort to place the application in condition for allowance. These amendments were made solely to further prosecution in the instant application. Should these amendments not place the application in condition for allowance, then Applicants respectfully reiterate the arguments filed in the response of July 2, 2009.

Accordingly, the outstanding rejections from the April 2, 2009 Office Action are believed obviated, and passage of the present application to issuance is respectfully requested.

It is believed that this response represents a complete written statement as to the substance of the interviews, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

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